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## Cat 5e Patch cords

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### 1. SCOPE

#### 1.1 Content

This specification describes performance and material requirements and tests procedures for TE Connectivity Cat 5e patch cord assemblies used to connect building wiring for data and voice networking systems.

#### 1.2 Qualification

When tests are performed on subject product line, procedures specified in Figure 1 shall be used. All inspections shall be performed using applicable inspection plan and product drawing.

### 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The following documents form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise specified, the latest edition of the document applies. In the event of conflict between the requirements of this specification and the customer drawing, the customer drawing shall take precedence. In the event of conflict between the requirements of this specification and industrial standards, this specification shall take precedence.

#### 2.1 TE Connectivity Documents

A. Relevant customer drawing

B. TEC-138-702: 'Supplier Requirements for Product environmental compliance'

C. 108-93018: Product Specification - 'Copper LAN cable'

#### 2.2 Industrial Standards:

A. ISO / IEC 11801 Ed.2.2: Generic Cabling for Customer Premises

B. EN 50173-1: Information Technology; Generic Cabling Systems

C. ANSI/TIA/EIA 568-C.2: Balanced Twisted Pair Telecommunications Cabling and Components Standards

D. IEC 61935-2: Specification for the testing of balanced communication cabling in accordance with ISO/IEC 11801. Patch cords and work area cords. Test Specifications as indicated in Fig. 1.

E. IEC 61156-6: Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 6: Symmetrical pair/quad cables with transmission characteristics up to 1000MHz – Work area wiring – Sectional specification.

F. IEC 60603-7-2: Connectors for electronic equipment. Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free & fixed connectors, for data transmission with frequencies up to 100 MHz.

G. IEC 60603-7-3: Connectors for electronic equipment. Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free & fixed connectors, for data transmission with frequencies up to 100 MHz.

**3. REQUIREMENTS**

**3.1 Design and Construction**

Product shall be of design, construction and physical dimensions specified on applicable customer drawing.

**3.2 Standard length**

Applicable standard lengths: *from 0.5 meter to 20 meter* (both included).  
For other lengths, put in contact with your sales representative.

**3.3 Materials**

Materials shall be in accordance to TE Connectivity requirements about environmental-related substances as per TE Connectivity specification TEC-138-702.  
The material of the cable jacket is identified on the customer drawing and shall comply with the standards mentioned in Product Specification 108-93018 *Copper LAN cable*.

**3.4 Ratings**

Operating Temperature: -20 to 60°C.

**3.5 Packaging**

Each assembly shall be supplied in a clear bag.

**3.6 Bending radius**

The minimum bending radius is 8x outside diameter during installation and 4x the outside diameter after installation.

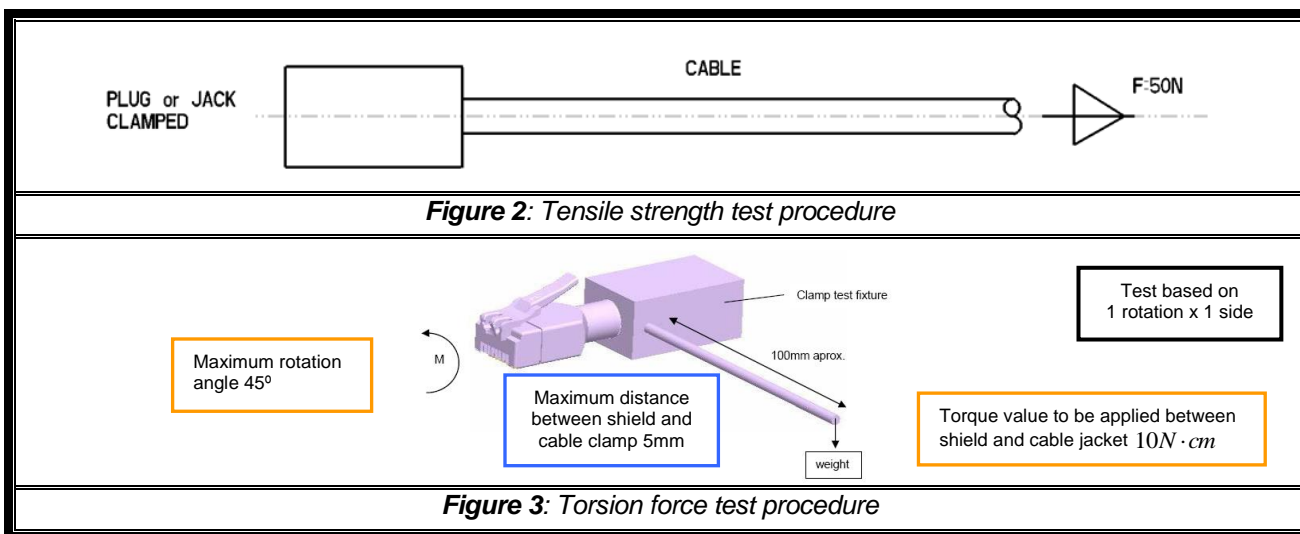
**3.7 Performance requirements and test procedures**

Product is designed to meet electrical, mechanical and environmental performance requirements specified in Figure 1. Unless otherwise specified, all tests shall be performed at ambient environmental conditions.

<b>Test Description</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Test Procedure</b>
<b>VISUAL</b>		
Examination of product.	Meets requirements of product drawing.	Visual inspection criteria as defined in IEC 61935-2, Paragraph 5.1.
<b>ELECTRICAL</b>		
Wire map	Continuity and short circuit Wire map configuration as per TIA 568B	Any device which ensures quality
Shield continuity (only applicable for shielded versions)	Shield continuity	Any device which ensures quality.
<b>TRANSMISSION</b>		
Return Loss	Cat 5e Return Loss cord requirements according to ISO/IEC 11801 Ed.2.2	IEC 61935-2, Paragraph 5.6
NEXT Loss	Cat 5e NEXT Loss cord requirements according to ISO/IEC 11801 Ed.2.2	IEC 61935-2, Paragraph 5.7

MECHANICAL		
Crimping Height	Relevant IEC 60603-7-X standard	Indicator with needle-point probes or equivalent. It shall be measured at the front of the contact.
Tensile Strength	Force applied: 50 N according to the standard. Duration: 5 seconds	IEC 61935-2, Paragraph 6.2. See <b>figure 2</b>
Torsion Force (specified by TE Connectivity)	Force applied: 10 N x cm Duration: 5 seconds Maximum Rotation angle 45°	See <b>figure 3</b>
<b>NOTE</b>	See Test Sequence in paragraph 4.2 Figure 4	

Figure 1: Requirements and test procedures for Cat 5e patch cords



**NOTE**

In general, patch cords are components of a Channel cabling configuration. Channels are length limited by standards in order to achieve specific requirements, for this reason all component lengths have to be considered for obtaining the expected cabling performance. In case of a Class D Channel 2-connector model:

2-conn Channel model

Maximum patch cords total length allowed is obtained by the following equation:

$$(Max\_Length_{Patch\_cords}[m] \cdot RatioA) = 109[m] - (Length_{Permanent\_Link}[m] \cdot RatioB)$$

Where RatioA and RatioB are the cable insertion loss ratios which depend on cable type (solid or stranded). In general, they take the following values:

- ✓ For stranded cables, Ratio\_stranded = 1.5
- ✓ For solid cables, Ratio\_solid = 1.0

**4. PRODUCT QUALIFICATION AND REQUALIFICATION**

4.1 Sample Selection

Samples shall be selected at random from current production. For qualification purpose, all test groups shall consist of a minimum of 5 samples per relevant length per product family.

4.2 Test sequence

Test	Test Sequence
Examination of product	1, 9
Wire Map	3
Shield continuity (only applicable for shielded versions)	4
Return Loss	5, 10
NEXT	6, 11
Crimping Height	2
Tensile Strength	7
Torsion Force	8

*Figure 4: Test sequence*

4.3 Requalification Testing

If changes significantly affecting form, fit or function are made to the product or manufacturing process, requalification testing shall be initiated, consisting of all or part of the original testing sequence as determined by TE Connectivity.

**5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS**

Quality provisions are based upon the philosophy of TQM (Total Quality Management) with a system approved to EN ISO 9001 by Lloyds Register Quality Assurance.

5.1 Responsibility for quality

Unless otherwise stated in the purchase order, it shall be the supplier's responsibility to assure qualification and lot conformance to this specification. The supplier may utilize his own or other testing and inspection facilities acceptable to the buyer.

5.2 Qualification conformance

For the purposes of internal qualification, the program shall consist of examinations and tests to determine conformance with the requirements of this specification. It shall be performed once, on introduction of the product. Subsequent design changes shall be partially or fully re-qualified depending upon their area of impact in the context of product functionality. Regular requalification testing shall be performed as defined by the Quality Department.

5.3 Manufacturing follow-up

TE Connectivity products target Six Sigma levels of performance by the integration of capable processes from the development throughout the entire supply chain. The goal is to reduce variability to achieve zero defects for products and services. Systems used are based on preventive and statistical techniques during development and manufacturing. This also includes suppliers of materials, components or systems. Dedicated procedures for supplier selection, development and follow-up are implemented to ensure conformance to TQM and specification requirements.

Best demonstrated practices are identified and implemented throughout the company, with a continuing challenge to identify opportunities for innovation and improvement.

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## 6. REVISION SUMMARY

This paragraph is reserved for a revision summary of changes and additions made to this specification.

- TE Connectivity was AMP NETCONNECT\* in paragraphs 1.1. Content.
- From paragraph 2.2. Industrial Standards and Figure 1, Amendment 2 to ISO/IEC 11801 2<sup>nd</sup> edition has been superseded by ISO 11801 Ed.2.2.
- From paragraph 2.2. Industrial Standards, ANSI/TIA/EIA 568-B.2 has been superseded by ANSI/TIA/EIA 568-C.2